

CLOTHING AND KIT LIST FOR NEW BOYS

House Notes from Matron 2022



HARROW
SCHOOL
THE PARK

The School's *Clothing and Kit List for New Boys* will tell you which items must be purchased from one of the two recognised outfitters. Our preference for Park boys is to use Billings & Edmonds. You may want to book an appointment on the same day as the New Boy's Welcome Afternoon, but allow plenty of time as they are very busy. Do telephone them in advance to arrange an appointment. The relevant contact details are:

BILLINGS & EDMONDS

sales@billingsandedmonds.co.uk
billingsandedmonds.co.uk
+44 (0)20 8422 1701

THE OUTFITTERS

harrow@theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk
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+44 (0)20 8422 1045

TRUNKS

Traditional school trunks damage paintwork and are difficult to carry to the top floor of the House. Please use suitcases or holdalls, to be stored in our cellar during term.

MARKING

Every article of clothing – including home clothes – must be plainly marked with Cash's nametapes, giving the boy's name and initials as well as the House laundry mark (PK) in red cotton after his name. In The Park, unlike other Houses, we do not use laundry numbers. Games clothes such as tracksuits, rugby jerseys and shorts should also have a large-size tape with the boy's initials on the outside. It is important that home clothes have nametapes, as otherwise they are impossible to sort after laundry each week and they may get lost.

- **Duvet and duvet covers** – place label in the centre of the opening.
- **Shirts** – place label at the back of the neck.
- **Boxer shorts** – place label at the back of the waist area but not on the elasticised band. It is best sewn on the material just below the waistband.
- **Clothes purchased during the holidays** – please make sure they are named before being brought back to School.
- **New uniform** – boys can order uniform throughout the term, they just need to request a nametape to be sewn on.

You may like to consider setting up an account at Billings & Edmonds (or The Outfitters) so your son can get essentials during term time more easily. Please discuss this when you make your appointment with them.

SCHOOL LAUNDRY

The School Laundry does an amazing job but we regret they only accept poly/cotton shirts. Pure wool (even machine-washable wool) tends to shrink in the dryer. Sadly, the laundry cannot accept responsibility for unnamed clothes which is why it is so important to label everything.

SHOES

Shoes should be of a standard, traditional style and capable of being polished. Lace-ups are preferable to slip-ons. Neither boots nor shoes with heavy 'tyre-track' soles are appropriate. Metal buckles are not acceptable.

UNIFORM

When boys bring clothes home at the end of each term, could I ask you to check them, please? Boys will have grown and some clothes may require mending, naming or replacing. Harrow prefers the boys' white shirts to be "long tail" in design; all the outfitters on the Hill have been instructed to stock them.

HARROW HATS

The Harrow hat should be named, preferably with a marker pen in large black capital letters on the under-side of the rim. Boys should write their initials, surname and Mr Shaw's initials e.g. A.N.OTHER (BJDS). The hat should be varnished for extra strength.

HOUSE HARROW FOOTBALL SHIRTS, CRICKET WHITES AND OTHER HOUSE ITEMS

Of the two House games shirts specified on the School clothing list, one should be the traditional cotton rugby jersey and the other should be the more lightweight Canterbury short-sleeved games shirt (both are sold by Billings & Edmonds). In addition to the items on the School clothing list, boys in The Park should also buy one red and white vertically striped Harrow football jersey. Cricket kit can wait until the Summer term. Boys are given a personalised Park T-shirt on arrival in September. Later in the year, Mr Shaw will write to offer you the chance to buy a House hoody (these are very popular).

HOME CLOTHES

Boys may wear home clothes (jeans, T-shirts etc.) at weekends: please do not bring too many and make sure they are also named. Some Harrovians also bring back smart-casual clothes (jacket, trousers, shirt and tie of their own choice) for social occasions, trips and as an alternative to School uniform at plays and concerts. This is not really needed in the first term so we recommend you wait.

BEDDING

We supply a fitted sheet, a pillow and pillowcase for each boy. If your son likes to have two pillows he may bring one from home but he will need to bring two named pillowcases as well.

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

We also recommend that boys bring the following items:

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| ■ Additional sock bags for pants/boxer shorts (we suggest 4 in total) | ■ Swimming goggles |
| ■ 6 coat hangers | ■ 1 combination padlock for desk drawer (shank size 3/8 inch) |
| ■ Mug, plate and cutlery for use in the House | ■ Alarm clock |
| ■ Washbag | |

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Appliances such as hairdryers, powerful fans, fridges and kettles constitute a fire risk and are not permitted. Music systems should be small, with speakers measuring no more than 15cm x 20cm. Mobile phones are permitted, but their use by new boys is controlled. We strongly recommend a stringent data limit: boys can use School wifi for their mobile phones. Laptops, iPads and other mobile devices are not permitted. Mobile phones should be clearly named.

INSURANCE

The School Pupils' Personal Effects insurance covers loss or damage to personal property during term time and on School trips but does not cover mobile phone or cash (the policy will be updated for 2022-23 – parents are advised to check details of the new coverage).

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